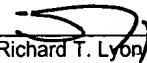


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2004 (Paper No. 5), it is respectfully requested this amendment be entered under 37 CFR 1.111 to place the above-referenced application in condition for allowance.

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